

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 13 and 15 are presently pending in this application. All of these claims have been allowed pending the correction of perceived informalities. Claim 15 and portions of the specification and drawings have been amended to correct the perceived informalities. No new matter has been added by these amendments, full support for the amendments being found throughout the originally-filed specification, drawings and claims.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to because of a perceived informality in Figure 18C. By the amendments to the drawings set forth in the set of replacement sheets filed concurrently herewith, such perceived informality in Figure 18C has been addressed as suggested by the examiner. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Objections to the Specification

The specification has been objected to because of several perceived informalities therein. Each of these perceived informalities has been addressed by the amendments to the

specification or to the drawings herein. Accordingly, applicant requests that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 15 has been objected to for a perceived informality therein. By the amendments herein, such perceived informality has been duly addressed in the way suggested by the examiner. Accordingly, applicant requests that the objections to claim 15 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of all claims is requested.

(Applicant believes there to be no fee associated with the filing of this document. However, if this belief is in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.)

Respectfully submitted,

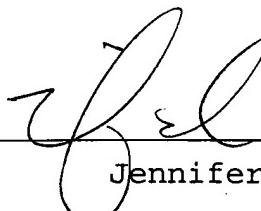
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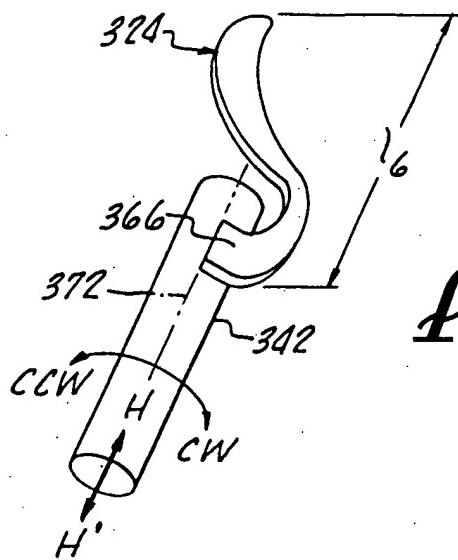


FIG. 18A

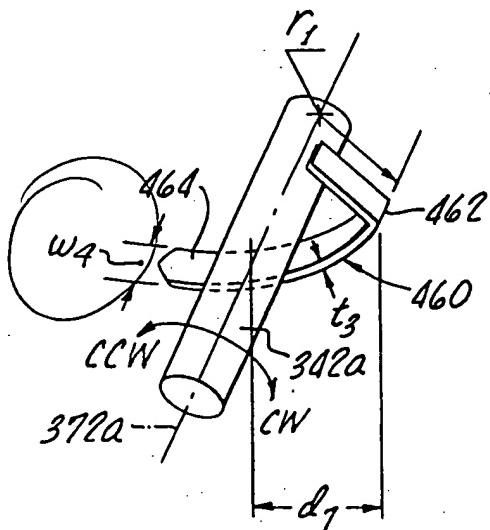


FIG. 18B

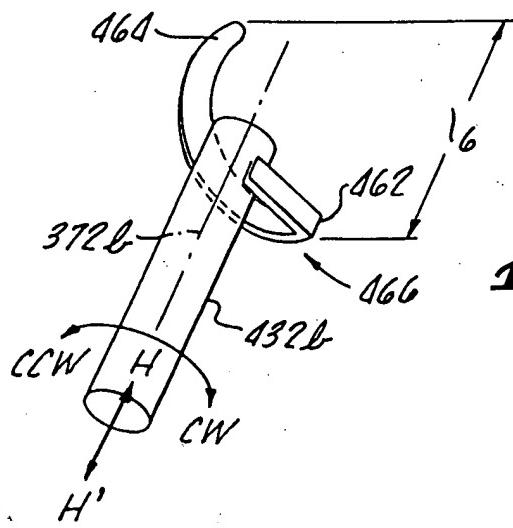
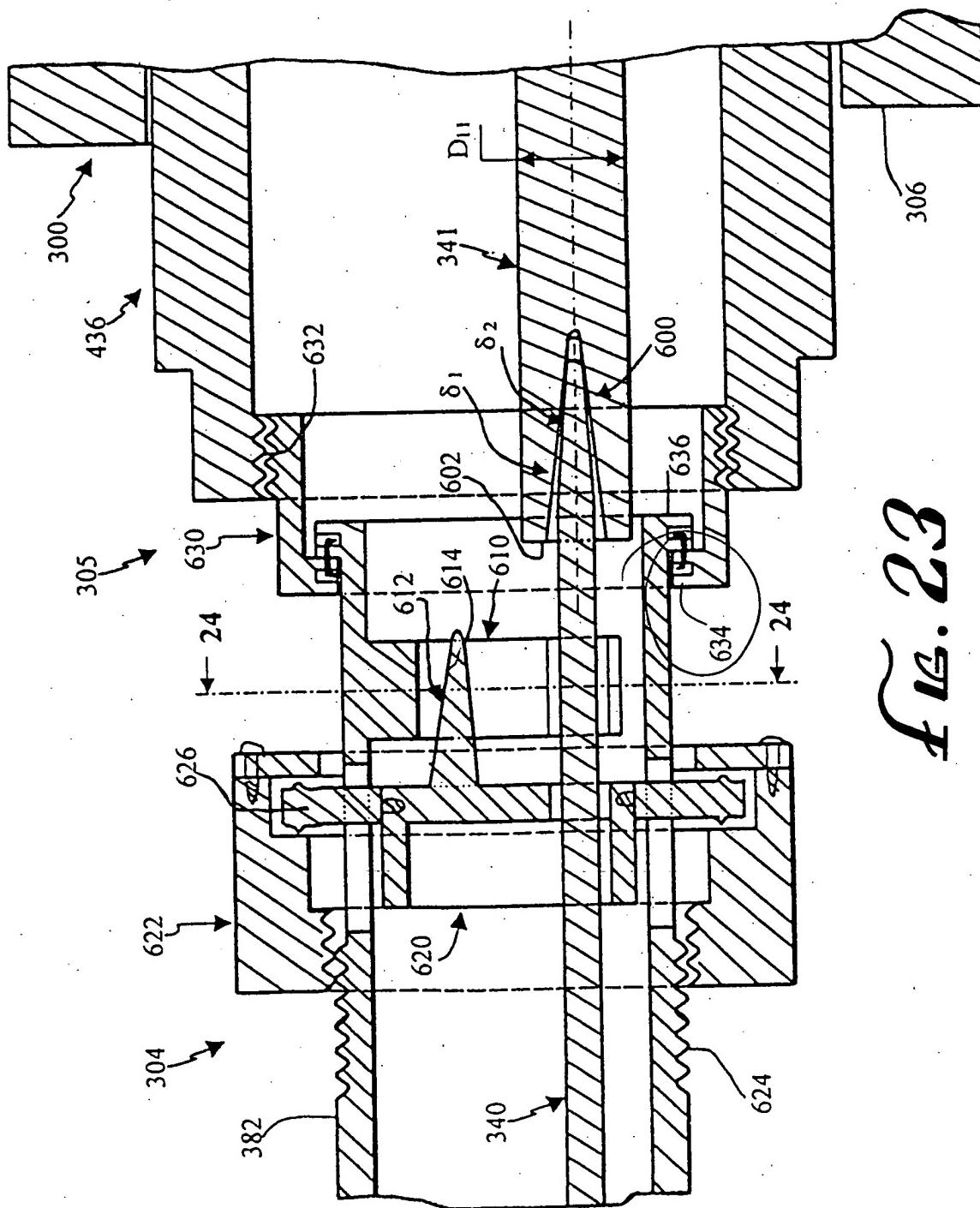


FIG. 18C

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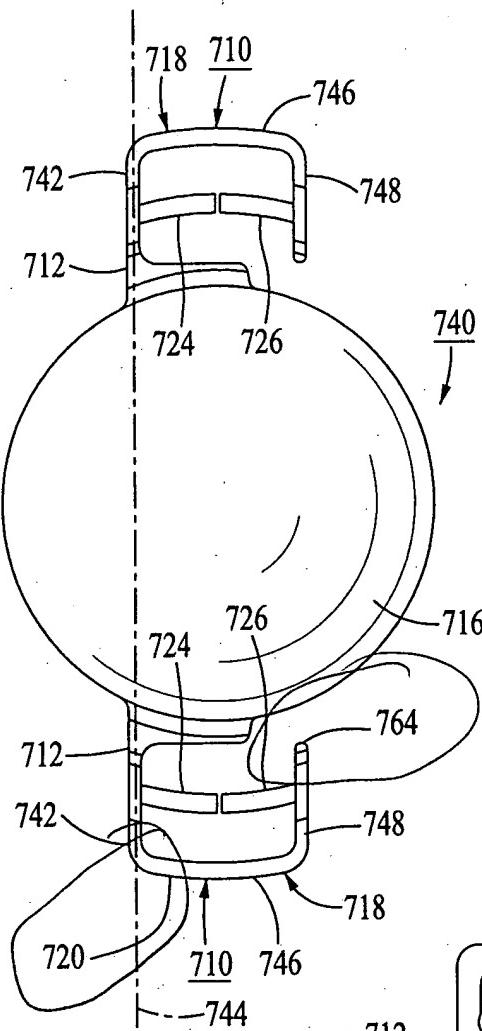


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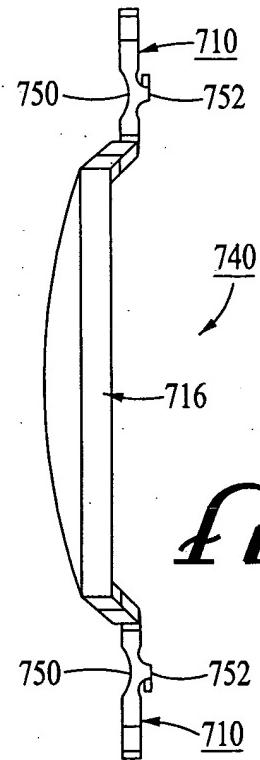


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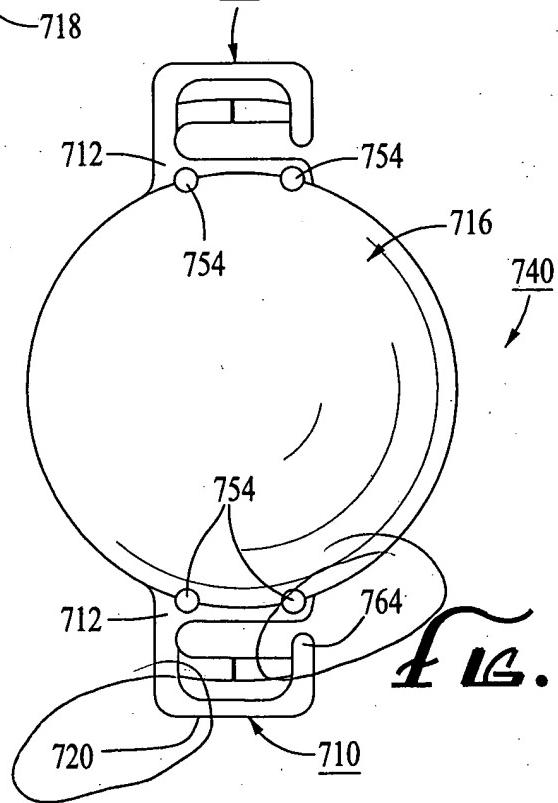


Fig. 32

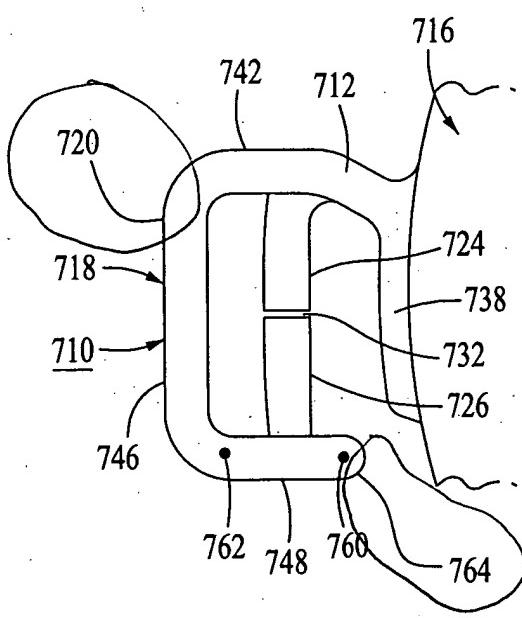


FIG. 33

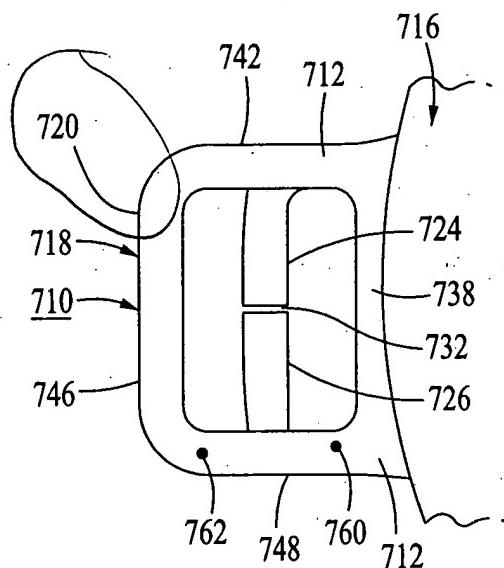


FIG. 34



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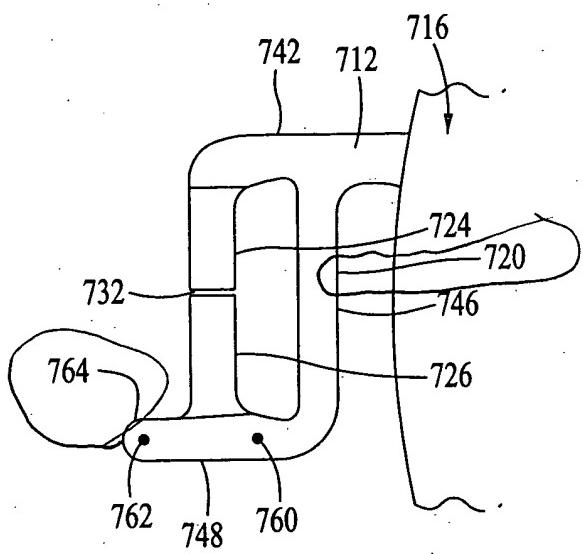


FIG. 35

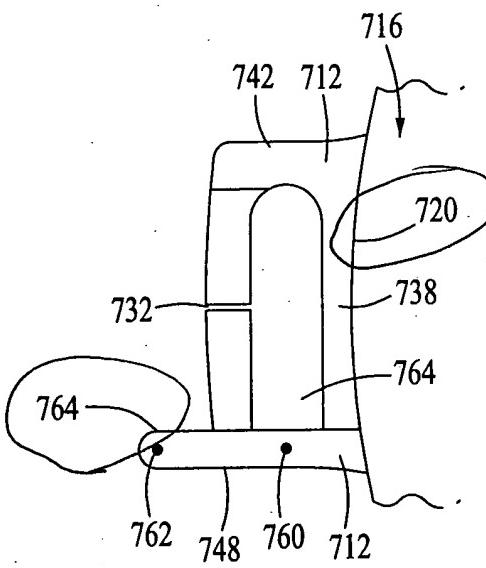


FIG. 36